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THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

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To

The Hon'ble Sri N.Ranga Reddi B.A.,B.L.,
Minister for Public Works,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Memorandum presented to you during your visit to this Chamber on 21-9-1952- Reply on the various subjects raised therein- Request.

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A copy of the Memorandum presented to you during your visit to this Chamber on 21-9-52 is enclosed herewith for your ready reference. In reply to the Memorandum, you were kind enough to convey to us on the occasion, the proposals or the steps taken by the Government on the various issues raised therein particularly with regard to the development of the Mangalore Port.

Following your visit, it was expected that a formal reply from the Government incorporating the facts and other information conveyed by you personally, would be received by us. But no such communication has yet been received and therefore we request you to kindly arrange to send us a detailed reply indicating the action taken and proposed to be taken on the various issues placed before you during your visit.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
FOR THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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P.O.Box No.11
Bunder,Mangalore,
D/21-9-1952.

To

The Hon'ble Sri N. Ranga Reddi B.A.,B.L.,
Minister for Public Works,
Government of Madras,
Camp: MANGALORE.

Sir,

Permit us to thank you for having given us the privilege of welcoming you to this district and to our City. We had occasions to receive and welcome several Ministers of the Madras State as well as of the Indian Union and we particularly cherish the several occasions when your predecessor Sri M.Bhaktavatsalam visited us and received our representations and gave ample evidence of his sympathy towards the problems of our district. We are sure that you will also extend to this district your helping hands.

We are aware that the Government have on their hands numerous projects for development and that finances are insufficient But we beg to submit that this district having been too far away from the Capital suffered centuries of neglect and therefore it deserves special attention to-day and special priority towards it requirements and when such priority is once recoghised, it will not be difficult to find funds for its barest needs.

ROADS AND COMMUNICATIONS

We very much regret that neither the Government nor the Public Works Department has given proper recognition to the special conditions existing in this district. We have a heavy rain-fall ranging from 120" to 150" per year. The contours of the whole district are of the ghaut section type, roads alternating with rising and falling gradients and zig-zagging curves. All roads are interrupted by streams and rivers and where these streams are dry during fair season, are unfordable atleast five

months in the year while where they are not dry, they are not fordable at all.

Our district gives access to the sea to a large hinterland covering over 30,000 square miles. The trade is brisk but retarded by the inconveniences of inefficient communications. A highly developed transport system is constantly engaging the roads. But bad roads, weak culverts and weak bridges are a perpetual threat to the established trade and the prosperity of the district. While on the East Coast even cause-ways have been replaced by large bridges, even old bridges and culverts here due for replacement long time back are still standing only to vanish suddenly by the impact of an unsympathetic monsoon. When recently the Union Government made a special allocation of certain funds to this State not even a small portion of it was allotted to this district from this fund.

Aware of the stringency of finances, we feel, that the following will be the barest immediate necessity of the district.

i. Survey of the main trade routes of the district and provision of special funds for strengthening all the weak culverts;

ii. To align the Mangalore-Bantwal cross road and concrete or asphalt it. This road bears the most heavy traffic.

iii. To black top the Mangalore-Karkala-Udipi road.

iv. Construction of a bridge over Pavanje river to make the approach to Moolky nearer. Moolky is under Firka Development Scheme and also comes under the Community Project. The cost of a bridge over Pavanje river will not be large and the bridge will assist the development schemes mentioned above.

v. Construction of a new bridge for Belthangady river as the present one is weak and threatens to break down any time. This bridge is on the important trunk road and the district cannot afford to lose this bridge.

DEVELOPMENT OF MANGALORE PORT And A PORT TRUST FOR MANGALORE

Mangalore Port is admittedly a fast developing Port. In accordance with the general recommendation of the West Coast Major Port Development Committee, Mangalore Port is being subjected to an investigation for making it an All-Weather Port and experiments

are in progress at the Poona Research Station. Meanwhile the Chamber and the Port Conservancy Board are agreed that there should be a Port Trust for Mangalore as its existing trade requires an attention to the Port possible only through a Port Trust. The National Harbour Board has approved of the suggestion after an elaborate country-wide enquiry held by Shri S.Nanjundiah, who reported favourably on our claim for a Port Trust. At one time, just before the National Harbour Board came into being, preliminary steps had been taken to establish a Port Trust. Last year, your predecessor Sri M.Bhaktavatsalam had issued a statement that immediate steps would be taken to pass legislation for establishing the Port Trust. Further action on this statement was interrupted by the General Elections. It is now time to proceed with the work of establishing the Port Trust and we shall be very much grateful if you kindly expedite this.

SUPPLY OF JOG POWER TO SOUTH KANARA

We regret that this scheme is not progressing as expeditiously as we were so anxiously anticipating. The laying of lines has not progressed. From the other side, the signing of the Agreement between the two Governments is still under dispute. Meanwhile the initiative of the people for an agricultural and industrial regeneration is being lost under a sense of frustration. The general financial stringency of the Government, just as that of an individual can ease only by increased production and increased employment. Jog Power envisages not only a development of the district in all its activities but also a prosperity which should react to the advantage of the Government revenue. The scheme having been accepted and sanctioned and commenced, can brook no delay in execution. We request you, Sir, to look into this delay and see that the Power is brought down to the district as quickly as possible and to conclude the Agreement without any avoidable delay.

Another matter that would require your very urgent consideration is the augmentation of the capacity of the local Electric Supply Company which is now strained to the utmost. It is absolutely essential for the industrial progress of this district that there should be sufficient power to meet the demands of the existing consumers and of the new industries springing up in the suburbs. We pressed for additional units of atleast 1,000 kw.capacity and the matter was then stated to be under consideration. But it has been so long in consideration that we neither had the additional units nor the energy. We request you,Sir, to pass early orders for the installation of the additional units. We further submit that the increase in the cost of oil and the heavy ~~surcharge~~ duty levied by the Government have pushed up the rates for the industrial power to make it uneconomic to the industries. Therefore we urge, Sir, that this district which is not served by cheap hydro-electric power should be exempted from the levy of this ~~surcharge~~ duty.

Though the needs of the district are many more and quite as urgent, taking into consideration the general financial stringency we have presented to you only a few that can be neglected no further We request you, Sir, to give your earnest attention to these few necessities of the district and fulfil them expeditiously.

We thank you, Sir, for giving us this opportunity to present our memorandum and desire to express our gratitude for the acceptance of our invitation. We now await with great hope and anticipations, the fulfilment of our demands in the light of these representations.

We remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

A. Umanath Rao

(A. Umanath Rao)
PRESIDENT

Letter No. 96151 F/52-1 D/ 22-11-52

To

The Honorary Secretary,
The Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore.

Sir,

Subject:-Formation of Port Trust at Mangalore

Ref:-Your letter dt. 8-11-52 to M (P.W).

With reference to the representation made in your letter cited, ~~I am directed to state that~~ in regard to the formation of a Port Trust at Mangalore, the matter is under the active consideration of the Government. I am also to add that all possible steps are being taken to see that the model experiments at Poona are concluded at as early a date as possible.

Y.F.

Note:-

The main file on the subject relating to the formation of a Port Trust at Mangalore has been circulated to the Ministers for approval of and the tentative draft Bill. A copy of the Bill has also been circulated to the Governor. On receipt back from circulation, the file will be sent to the Leg. Department for further action.

2.The draft above is submitted for approval ref. to the minutes of Minister (P.W) at p.1 c.f

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THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

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Date 2nd February 1953.

To

The Hon'ble Sri N.Ranga Reddy,
Minister for Public Works,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub: Formation of a Port Trust at Mangalore.

Ref: Correspondence resting with Govt.Letter No.96151-F/52-1 dated 22-11-1952.

The necessity for expediting the preliminary work connected with the formation of a Port Trust at Mangalore was stressed before you many a time and on every such occasion, the issue was disposed of saying that 'the matter was under the active consideration of the Government.'

It is needless to point out that the drafting of the Bill and other preliminary work has taken quite a long time, despite the urgency and the importance of the proposal. We are aware that the draft Bill was ready long ago but the same has not been published yet in the Fort St.George Gazette. There is yet no indication as to whether the said Bill would be introduced in the March session of the Assembly. The commercial community of Mangalore has waited too long for this measure and is feeling a sense of frustration on account of the inordinate delay on your part in pushing through the measure.

We have, therefore, to request you, Sir, to kindly let us have an assurance that the said Bill will be introduced in the next session of the Madras Legislature scheduled to begin in February-March. A copy of the Bill may also be sent to the Chamber at a very early date for necessary consideration.

Kindly reply.

Yours faithfully,
For THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Hon. Secretary.

Copy to:-
(1) The Deputy Secretary to Govt.
P.W.Dept.Fort St.George, Madras.

(2) Sri K.S.Hegde, M.A., B.L.,
Member, Council of States, Mangalore.

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P.W.(F)

Please see the letter from the Kanara Chamber of Commerce at p 1 ante. The comments of the Cr of I on the draft ~~below~~ full are awaited prior to publication in the Gazette and introduction thereafter in the Assembly. In the circumstances, it seems that no further reply need be given to the Chamber of Commerce in view of the reply already given at p 11 ante of ©. This may be added to our no 961511-F/52-I)

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To

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The Hon'ble Sri K.[illegible] Reddy,
Minister for Public Works,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: [illegible]

Ref: Correspondence ending with Govt. [illegible]
No.36151-T/52-1 dated 23-[illegible]-1952.

The necessity for expediting the [illegible] connected with the formation of [illegible] stressed before you [illegible] issue was disposed of saying that [illegible] active consideration of the Government.

It is needless to point out that the [illegible] and other preliminary work has taken quite [illegible] the urgency and the importance of the proposal. [illegible] the draft Bill was ready long ago but the [illegible] published yet in the Fort St.George Gazette. [illegible] publication as to whether the said Bill would [illegible] such session of the Assembly. The commercial community [illegible] Mangalore has waited all along for this measure and [illegible] cause of frustration on account of the inordinate delay [illegible] part in pushing through the measure.

We have, therefore, to request you, [illegible] kindly let us have an assurance that the said Bill will [illegible] next session of the Madras Legislature [illegible] February-March. A copy of the Bill [illegible] to the Chamber at a very early date for [illegible].

Kindly reply.

Yours faithfully,
For THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Hon. Secretary

Copy to:-
(1) The Deputy Secretary to Govt.
[illegible] Dept. Fort St.George, Madras.

(2) Sri K.G.Kambe, M.A., B.L.,
Member, Council of States, New Delhi.

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SECRETARY 5-MAR 1953 PUBLIC WORKS DEPTT.

Date 5th March, 1953.

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS 9 MAR GOVT. OF MADRAS

The Hon'ble Sri N.Ranga Reddi,
Minister for Public Works,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sir,

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Sub: Introduction of the Mangalore Port Trust Bill in the ensuing Session of the Assembly- Information regarding.

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P13 9 (V) We invite your kind attention to our letter to you dated the 2nd February 1953 on the above subject and are sorry to note that the same still remains without a reply.

It is requested that the subject raised therein may be given serious consideration and further delay may please be avoided in pushing through the measure.

Awaiting your reply,

Yours faithfully,
For THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Hon. Secretary.

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PW(71)

Letter No. 22634 F.1/53 dt 19.3.53

To

The Honorary Secretary,
The Kanara Chamber of Commerce
Mangalore.

Sir,

Sub. Formation of Port Trust at Mangalore.

Ref. your letter dt 5.3.53 to M(PW).

With reference to your letter cited I am directed to state that the matter is under the active consideration of the Govt. [The Govt. of India have made certain suggestions in respect of the draft Bill and they are being considered.] I am to add that this Govt. will make every effort to proceed with the legislation at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary to the Govt.

Subject matter
This is a legislative matter. How far this will affect the programme of such measures and the degree of urgency of the Bills concerned.
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Note. The main file on the subject relating to the formation of a Port Trust at Mangalore has been sent to Legal for preparing a revised draft based on the suggestions of this Govt. The question of proceeding with the legislation will be taken up after finalising the draft. The above draft is w.r.t. steps taken at present.

Please see also pl ref (1)

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As amended. The tone of the Chamber's letter is not very happy. 19/3/53

Public Works Department.
Letter No.22634-F/53- .

From

Sri T.M.S. Mani, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Honorary Secretary,
The Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore.

Dated, Fort St. George the 19th March, 1953.

Sir,

Sub: Formation of Port Trust at Mangalore.

Ref: Your letter dated 5th March, 1953 to the Minister for Public Works.

With reference to your letter cited I am directed to state that the matter is under the active consideration of the Government, and that Legislative measures have to be put through with due regard to the programme of such measures generally and the degree of urgency of the Bills concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(S. KRISHNAMACHARI)
For Secretary to Governme

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